

Sirs,

With respect to BPL (Broadband over Power Line) I respectfully request that the commission NOT imlement this initiative. Allowing BPL would destroy the ability to communicate over HF (high frequencies) (3 to 30 MHz) and low VHF (very high frequencies) (30 to 80 MHz). Licensed amateur radio operators and other users of this frequency spectrum such as government agencies and the military would literally be put out of business.

BPL was considered and NOT IMPLEMENTED by the the regulatory agency in Japan. BPL has been studied by several countries in Europe and the findings corroborate the disastrous effects on HF and low VHF communications. In this country the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) has conducted tests in areas where BPL is being beta tested. Their conclusion -- massive interference to these frequencies all eliminating ham radio communications to all but those using maximum allowed power levels.

For many years amateur radio has played a prominent role in response to all types of natural and man-made disasters. Incidents include hurricanes, tornadoes, forest fires, train wrecks, chemical contamination, and the list goes on. I urge you to contact the National Hurricane Center in Miami to see if they could forecast as well as they do without amateur radio support. Please contact agencies involved in resposnse to severe fires in San Francisco and Los Angeles in recent years, forest fires in New Mexico, Colorado, and South Dakota last year to name a few. Also, amateur radio operators played important roles assisting in the search for debris from the shuttle disaster earlier this year.

In short, when disaster strikes time and time again VIRTUALLY ALL communications is severely disrupted. Amateur radio operators, in all cases where given the opportunity, have been able to establish whatever communications links were necessary to facilitate disaster response.

I urge you to disallow implementation of BPL.

Respectfully submitted

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